



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 15, 2005

S. 260

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on June 8, 2005*

SUMMARY

S. 260 would authorize appropriations for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 260 would cost \$45 million in 2006 and about \$350 million over the 2006-2010 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 260 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 260 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

S. 260 would authorize the appropriation of up to \$75 million a year over the 2006-2011 period for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. Through that program, the Department of the Interior provides financial and technical assistance to private landowners for conservation projects on their land. Based on historical spending patterns for the program, CBO estimates that fully funding it under S. 260 would cost \$45 million in 2006 and \$350 million over the 2006-2010 period, with additional spending (of about \$100 million) occurring in later years.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program						
Budget Authority ^a	48	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	44	9	3	1	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	75	75	75	75	75
Estimated Outlays	0	45	77	76	76	76
Spending Under S. 260 for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program						
Authorization Level ^a	48	75	75	75	75	75
Estimated Outlays	44	54	80	77	76	76

a. The 2005 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 260 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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